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MR. BOWSER'S COOK.

I have been the cook in the Bowser family for the last year, and have read what the papers said about him and know it to be true. On several occasions Mr. Bowser's experiments with gas-saving and coal-saving appliances has put my life in peril, and for six weeks he was mad at me because I would not ride down from a second story window on a fire-escape. Being in the family I should keep family secrets, but something happened the other night that the public ought certainly to know. When even a hired girl at \$15 per comes across a wolf in sheep's clothing she feels it her duty to expose him.

Mrs. Bowser's mother was taken suddenly ill and telegraphed for her to come. I expected to hear Mr. Bowser raise a dozen objections and call his mother-in-law an old cat and all of that, but to my great surprise he said: "Yes, of course, you'll have to go. Poor old mother, I hope she isn't going to leave us. Just pack up a few things and I'll see you off in the morning."

"And about the house?" she asked. "I may be gone a week."

"That's all right, Annie, and I can keep house while you are gone. You know what a trusty girl she is. I shall be in every evening."

"Oh, you'll be lonesome." "Oh, I'll get three or four new books and do a lot of reading. Don't worry that I won't get along all right."

I was dead sure that he had a trick up his sleeve, but, of course, I could say nothing. Mrs. Bowser left the next morning, and after seeing her off he went to the office and I did not see him again until night. When he had eaten his dinner he said to me:

"Annie, the Gay Old Boys' club has a meeting tonight."

"Yes, sir."

"I am a member and have got to be there."

"Yes, sir."

"As I long ago explained to Mrs. Bowser, the Gay Old Boys are not gay at all. On the contrary, they are a very solemn set. The club is named after Judge Gay, who was an Old Boy."

"I see, sir."

"I shall probably be home by 10 o'clock but if I am a little later than that you needn't worry. We sometimes hang on a little to discuss the best means of saving the country. Go right to bed and asleep, and if you hear any noises down here to waken you pay no attention to them. I may fall over a chair, you know."

"Yes, sir. I have known you to when you came in late at night," I said.

"Oh, have you? Mrs. Bowser is dreadfully careless about leaving chairs in the middle of the floor. Did you ever hear me talking to myself after getting home?"

"Many a time, sir."

"Um! I didn't suppose you had. If I'm out to a club and make a speech the words keep occurring to me after I get home. I may make a speech to-night, and you may hear me after I get home, but don't tell either you."

"No, sir. Shall I leave a white rag sticking in the keyhole outside so that you'll have no trouble with your key?"

"Um! Um! You had better simply remember what I have said," he replied as he went up stairs to get dressed.

Mr. Bowser left the house about 8 o'clock, and, after Thomas had arrived and courted me for a couple of hours, I went off to my room and bed. I didn't undress, however, and I left my door open. I had fallen into a doze half a dozen times, and it had gone midnight when I heard a fall down stairs. At the same time there was a sort of screech from the family cat, and the poor creature came bounding up stairs with a look of terror in her eyes. I am no hired girl at \$15 per to be scared of ghosts, and I at once went down stairs. The front door stood wide open, with a stray dog looking in, and on the floor of the sitting room lay Mr. Bowser. He was badly rumpled up. I should think that a man that had been blown up in a sawmill would look as he did. I was looking at him and wondering what I should do when he sat up and blinked at me and asked:

"Ish thaz you, Mishus Bowsher?"

"No; this is Annie."

"Annie, the cook?"

"Yes."

"Well, ish anything the mazzer?"

"I heard you fall and came down to see."

"Yes; fell over chair; shame old chair; shame old fall. Where's Mishus Bowsher?"

"She left here this morning, you remember."

"Oh, yesh," he said, after thinking it over and struggling up and getting into a chair.

"Can I help you up stairs?" I asked as he looked around the room as if everything was strange to him.

"You help me up stairs? Why? What for? Shay, Annie, I went ter Gay Old Boys' club tonight."

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"Thank you, but I'll see Mrs. Bowser about it."

"All rise—all rise. Shee Mishus Bowsher 'bout it. Fine woman, she is. Nice woman. Best woman in the world. I shall never get er divorce from Mishus Bowsher—never. Shay, Annie!"

"Yes, but I'm going back to my room."

"All rise—all rise. You go on. Gay Old Boy can take care of himself. Goos-night."

Five minutes after going up stairs I heard him tumble to the floor, and I am sure he slept there all night, and yet at breakfast he turned to me and said:

"Annie, I was in before ten, and I hope I did not disturb you. The president of the club was ill and we adjourned early. I wanted some ice water when I came in, but found none. Please see to it in the future!"—(Copyrighted, 1908, by T. C. McClure.)

DOG POISONER ABROAD

W. E. Sterne Loses Fine Collie—Reward Will Be Offered.

The Topeka Kennel club is wrought up to a pitch of indignation over the recent wholesale poisoning of dogs in the southwest part of the city. The club will leave nothing undone to apprehend and convict the guilty party or parties and a reward will be offered. If enough evidence is secured to bring a case to trial the club will see to it that a test case is made. The heaviest loss sustained by dog fanciers in this section of the city where the poisoner has been at work was sustained by W. E. Sterne, the county commissioner, in the loss of his fine registered collie. In addition to its breeding this dog was very smart and had been trained to perform a score of clever tricks. Why any one should poison such a dog is past understanding. At least a half dozen other dogs have been killed.

FORD IS ACQUITTED.

San Francisco, May 2.—Terry L. Ford was declared not guilty this afternoon by the jury, after being out only two minutes.

Attention, Odd Fellows.

You are requested to assemble at 1311 Kansas avenue at 2 p. m. Sunday to attend funeral of the wife of Rev. Collins.

GEORGE BURTON, Secretary.

LOCAL MENTION.

The furniture varnish we sell you does not dry sticky. The J. K. Jones Paint Co.

The benefit district for the East side park will not be created just yet. The ordinance calling for the same has been laid over until a later date by the council committee on streets and walks. Similar action has been taken with reference to the annexing certain tracts of land to the city. The alley between Quincy, Kansas avenue, Sixth and Seventh streets will be repaved if the property owners want to meet the expense.

Satisfy yourself. Smoke Tromp's big London cigar.

John Baumgartner, the merchant tailor, has received a full line of new spring and summer suiting. Call on him before buying elsewhere. 806 Kan. ave.

The appointment of a city counselor will not be made at this time yet. The committee on judiciary has decided to pass this up.

When you need a doctor you need him badly, don't you. This is only to call to your mind the convenience of a telephone. The cost of an independent telephone is so small that you cannot afford to be without one.

Let us show you how to make your old carriage look like a new one for about \$1.00. The J. K. Jones Paint Co.

The physical culture department of the Y. M. C. A. has had the grounds at Ninth and Polk streets put in condition for baseball and several teams are being organized at this time yet. A call for practice has been issued for Saturday afternoon. Schutt's orchestra will play in Gemmel hall at the Y. M. C. A. building Saturday night.

We sell Red Cross butter. R. M. Whitlock, 1123 Kansas avenue.

Engineer William Rain left for Fairbury, Neb., to attend the funeral of his brother, Frank Rain.

Dr. S. Temple Osteopath, 735 Kansas ave., Ind. 1842. Res. 5174 Bell 1885.

Mr. C. E. Denton, secretary of state, has returned from Kansas City where he has been in a hospital for a week.

Governor Hoch has appointed John E. Frost, of Topeka, secretary of state.

Marion and Eugene Ware of Kansas City as delegates from the state of Kansas to the national conference at the White House on May 14 on the subject of conservation of natural resources. Each of the delegates appointed has arranged to attend the conference. It is purely an honorary job, as the delegate has to pay his own expenses.

Men Working on Highest Building in the World



New York, May 2.—Those who have been looking at the big tower on the east side of Madison Square and wondering "when it is going to stop," are destined to have their curiosity kept alive for some time yet, because it has been decided to make the structure a little higher than was originally planned.

According to the original plans the height, above the sidewalk was figured at 658. It is now proposed to increase this to something over 700 feet, and Napoleon Le Brun & Sons, the architects, are now engaged in making the new working drawings to provide for the change.

The additional fifty feet of height will give at least four or five extra stories, so that with the 48 stories shown in the original plans the 50-story skyscraper will soon be a reality by a safe margin of two or three floors.

When the tower gets its full growth the height from the cellar floor will be 717 feet and from the top of the foundations, 727 feet. The height of the clock face above the sidewalk will be 342 feet, and the floor of the lookout at the forty-sixth floor, 603 feet. The detail of the tower top will be altered slightly to meet the new requirements.

POPULAR BOND SALE.

City May Give Investors Chance to Buy Untaxable Securities.

Topeka City bonds are not taxable under the new state tax law. The city will therefore make arrangements to dispose of the \$75,000 of new improvements, paving bonds which bear 5 per cent interest, upon a subscription basis, believing that a great many private investors will gladly invest in bonds that can not be taxed.

A proposition has been made by the Prudential Trust company of Topeka to look after the details of receiving subscriptions to the issue from small investors who want to invest from \$500 up. The trust company will not be paid for its trouble, the city agreeing only to meet the actual expenses of advertising the issue.

The offer from the Prudential Trust company and the popular subscription feature will be submitted to the council.

OTTAWA WANTS IT.

Invites Old Soldiers to Hold Next State Encampment There.

Ottawa, the Chautauqua city in Franklin county, is an applicant for the location of the next state encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the officers of George H. Thomas post of that city are sending letters to all parts of the state urging the delegates to the state encampment to accept the Ottawa invitation.

At various times in the past Ottawa has looked longingly toward the state encampment, but it has made no effort to get it because it was short on hotel accommodations. Now, however, a new hotel, The Nelson, has been erected, and the town feels that it can easily accommodate the visitors.

The city offers the Rohrbaugh opera house for the big meetings of the encampment. This is one of the finest opera houses in the state.

The place for the encampment is to be selected at the state encampment in Kansas City, Kan., on May 19.

LOOKING OVER THE ROUTE.

Railroad Promoters Making Automobile Trip of Inspection.

Eight of the party of a dozen who left Topeka Friday morning for a trip over the proposed route of the Topeka & Southwestern railroad returned last night from Council Grove. Mr. Curnick and Mr. Herbert, representatives of Lamprecht Brothers and Company of New York, A. G. Goodwin, C. K. Holliday and the consulting engineer of the construction company are expected home Monday.

They intended to make a leisurely trip of the return stopping along the proposed route of the line and getting acquainted with the farmers and stockholders of the company. Mr. Curnick has maintained the same discreet silence since he has been with the party that he has manifested since he has been in Topeka.

The opinion prevails among those who were with the party on the going trip that he is favorably impressed with the prospects of the road and that he will so recommend to the company which he represents.

PAYS "TOOTHPICK" CLAIM.

Accident Company Settles Loss and Stays in the State.

The Continental Casualty company of Chicago has squared itself with the state insurance department and is now allowed to continue to do business in the state by paying the famous "toothpick claim" against the company for the death of H. M. Myers.

The claim was settled for \$2,000, and the company filed a letter from Mrs. Myers stating that the settlement is entirely satisfactory.

Myers had an accident policy with the company, and while the policy was in full force he swallowed a piece of a toothpick, which lodged in his throat. Inflammation set in, and some time later Mr. Myers died of the White House on May 14 on the subject of conservation of natural resources. Each of the delegates appointed has arranged to attend the conference. It is purely an honorary job, as the delegate has to pay his own expenses.

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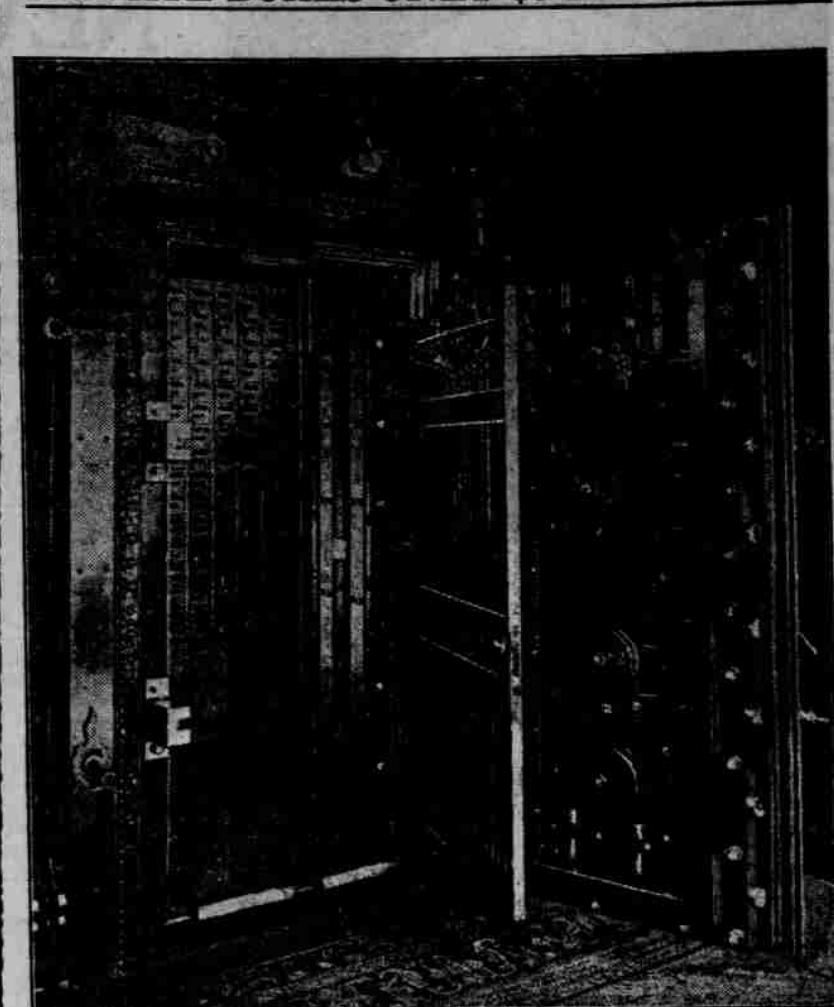
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record of Caffrey—admitted to be one of the greatest Marathon runners that ever lived—by nearly a mile, and to do this Longboat had to run every mile of the twenty-five in about five minutes and forty-five seconds.

In the Historical Building at Buffalo there hangs a picture, a drawing of Deerfoot, the greatest of all Indian runners. He was a Seneca Indian. On one occasion, in 1861, before the Prince of Wales, now King Edward, he ran 12 miles in 54 minutes and 56 seconds. Think of it—an average of 4 minutes 33 seconds to the mile. It takes a first class mile runner to do this now.

Deerfoot frequently raced with horses; he often chased large game, buffalo, moose and deer on foot. His height was 6 feet in his stockings, and he weighed 170 pounds. He never cared for the medals he won by his running, and as soon as he got them he would hand them to some woman or little girl who chanced to be standing by.—Van Norden's Magazine.

TEAR THINGS UP AGAIN.

Bids Opened for Another Remodelling of Postoffice.

Bids for the reconstruction of the first floor of the postoffice building were opened yesterday afternoon by General Wilder S. Metcalf, custodian of the building. The improvements contemplate the entire reconstruction of the corridor on the first floor, the shifting of the center, remodeling and changing the offices of the postmaster and assistant postmaster, and the distributing room for the mail carriers. Lundgren & Carlson were the lowest bidders, other bidders being F. M. Spencer and M. Council. The bids were sent to Washington, D. C., and the award on the contract will be made there. It is expected that within the next ten days the decision on the contract will be made known. The cost of the improvements will be about \$75,000 and work will commence immediately upon the receipt of the award.

Roads in Philadelphia's parks will be sprinkled with a mixture of asphaltum, oil and water as a dust preventive and as an experiment to find a good preservative.



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